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In the spring of 1947, five tugs towed a large hull from a canal between the Commercial Harbor and Marti Shipyard, turned the vessel round in about one hour's time, and towed her back into the Neva River, where she could be seen until she reached a point between the Baltic Shipyard and Marti Shipyard. The ship was approximately the size of the heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen. She listed so heavily that her deck could be seen from the shore. She had no superstructures except circular coamings to German turret substructures. \*

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\* Comment. The ship probably was the former similar cruiser Seydlitz whose superstructures had been removed between 1942 and 1943, when she was to be converted into an aircraft carrier. The hull was captured by the Soviets in Königsberg.

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